

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted by telephone on September 2, 2009 and attended by Examiner Ryan Severson and Applicant's representative Kregg Koch.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

None.

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claims 1 and 10 were discussed.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

U.S. Patent No. 5,769,885 ("Quiachon") and U.S. Patent No. 5,647,857 ("Anderson") were discussed.

Proposed Amendments

Applicant's representatives proposed amending Claim 1 to clarify that the main vessel graft restraint comprises a first peelable cover for restraining substantially the entire length of the main vessel portion of the bifurcated graft, and proposed amending Claim 10 to clarify that the main body section is held in a radially compressed state by a first peelable cover that covers substantially the entire length of the main body section.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant's representatives argued that Claims 1 and 10, amended as mentioned above, are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references.

Results of Interview

Applicants submit that Examiner Severson agreed that Claims 1 and 10, amended as mentioned above, are not disclosed or suggested by the cited references.